

The amazing Mr. Callahan



Story by Jack Wark

Photos by Dana Cahoon

How does Eddie Callahan survive?

His career as a school committeeman is a history of the bizarre, of raid-like visits to Lawrence schools and clandestine phone calls, of almost incessant feuding with one city official or another, of threats, vendettas, charges and counter-charges.

And yet, Callahan, 64, is now in his sixth term and, judging from this week's preliminary election, he is probably on the verge of a seventh term.

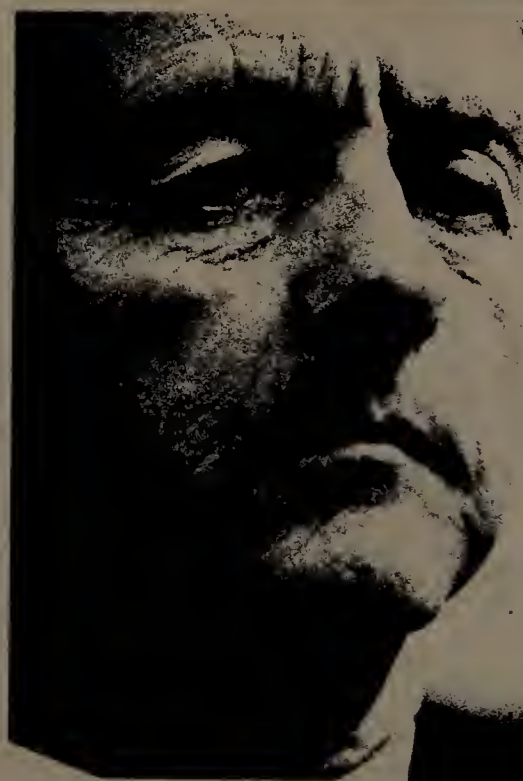
"I don't know why I keep getting elected," says Callahan, in that high-pitched, rat-a-tat-tat voice which has become one of his trademarks.

"I just go my way and I keep getting elected. I don't know why."

He isn't alone on that score. Many people don't know why Callahan keeps getting elected. On the surface at least, it appears that he has done too many outrageous things to be as politically successful as he has been, that his antics have alienated too many people for him to have been elected as often as he has.

His most recent caper came last year when he was making secret phone calls to top candidates for the city's school superintendency. Other school committee members found out, speculated that Callahan's calls might have scared off leading candidates and roundly criticized his behavior.

Only weeks before that, it had been revealed that Callahan, posing as one "Edward J. Sullivan" and claiming to be a Lawrence School System administrative assistant, made phone calls to a national testing service in an



attempt to obtain test results which would show that local students were under-achieving.

Not in either case did Callahan give the faintest hint that he felt he might have done something wrong—or even unusual.

A bit earlier, the Lawrence Teachers Union had accused Callahan of "demagoguery" and of causing a "serious disruption of the educational process" in the wake of one of his "visits" to a local school—this one, the Oliver Junior High School. Teachers charged that Callahan had

swooped in on their classes and ridiculed their teaching methods in front of students.

Mayor John Buckley promised that such "visits" by Callahan would end. But the mayor's promise, apparently, has had no effect on Callahan.

School officials say that in recent weeks Callahan, a lawyer, has been back at the schools, haunting them for information which he can use in his re-election bid, and ingratiating himself with students, who presumably go home and boost Callahan's candidacy with their parents.

Callahan makes no bones about being back on the school circuit. "Visiting the schools is part of my job. I go to talk to the kids. The teachers don't want me to come to the schools. You know why they don't want me there. They don't want me there because I find out what's going on."

Teachers dispute that. Says one: "We don't want him around the schools for the simple reason that his presence causes trouble."

Trouble does seem to follow Callahan when he visits the schools. There was, for example, the time, back in the early 1950s, that Callahan dropped in at Lawrence High School and got into an argument with Augustine Lawlor, then the school's headmaster. The argument ended with Lawlor having Callahan ejected by the police.

A few years ago at the high school, Callahan ran into Billy Callagy, a onetime school committee member and longtime foe of Callahan's. The result was quite predictable: A trading of insults and threats which mushroomed into a violent altercation.

Telephone calls and school visits aren't all that have placed Callahan on the firing line.

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school guidance counselor.

The finding against Callahan stemmed from a charge leveled by another school committee member, Mrs. Carole Schultz. Callahan, in turn, went at Mrs. Schultz, accusing her of a conflict of interest violation. After a vituperative dispute between Callahan and Mrs. Schultz, the city law department found Mrs. Schultz innocent of any wrongdoing.

Probably the most colorful battle in which Callahan was ever involved resulted from his fondness for sitting on the Lawrence High School bench during football games in the early 1950s.

"Why do I have run-ins? Well, where does your lap go when you stand up and what happens to your fist when you open your hand? I don't know. You don't know. These things shouldn't be a part of life. But they do occur."

The coach at the time, Ed Doherty, got fed up with Callahan's antics, which, observers recall, included an abundance of politicking and a general distracting of the players. So finally, Doherty, in exasperation, ordered Callahan off the bench. Callahan resisted. And there was a scene, quite a scene, they say, as Doherty, with thousands of spectators in the stands, halted the game until Callahan left the bench.

All of which was widely publicized and is generally thought to have led to Callahan's only election defeat. (Callahan held office from 1949 to 1953 when he was ousted by Robert Gingras. He returned to the committee in 1965 and has been in office ever since.)

Of his many run-ins with many people, Callahan, showing a penchant for the round-about, says: "Why do I have run-ins? Well, where does your lap go when you stand up and what happens to your fist when you open your hand? I don't know. You don't know. These things shouldn't be a part of life. But they do occur."

One thing Callahan is extremely direct about is his relationship with his sister, Mary Gillis.

"Certainly, I'm protective of her, defensive about her," he says. "She's all I've got in this world. I've got no other family alive. She's all I've got. Suppose you were in my position. I don't know about you. But I care about my family."

Callahan, moreover, admits that some of his angriest moments have come when other school committee members—such as Carole Schultz and Margaret O'Connor—have raised questions which cast his sister in an unfavorable light.

How does Callahan stay in office?

The answer to that question has many parts. One is that he benefits greatly from his name. His father, Dennis Callahan, was among Lawrence's most respected school superintendents. And George Callahan (no relation to Eddie) was a popular school committee member from 1950 to 1965.

Says George Callahan, now a custodian at the Oliver School: "A lot of people still think the Callahan in office is me. I try to tell them I'm George and he's Eddie. But it doesn't do any good. A lot of people still think they're voting for me when they vote. I don't mind that but it gets me when they give me hell for something Eddie does."

Another source of Callahan's strength derives from the personal favors he does, such as the numerous school department jobs he's gotten people over the years.

Says Billy Callagy, now a teacher and local newsman: "You think of Eddie and you tend to think that he just goes around getting into fights. But when he makes up his mind to look out for you, nothing stops him. He really can be a loyal guy and has done many things for many individuals."

Then, according to others, there is the way he wields information. Says a school

committee member: "He's an incredible gossip who uses what he picks up to intimidate his enemies."

Maybe the ingredient most essential to Callahan's political power is the way he appeals to the city's older voters, especially the older Irish-Americans of South Lawrence.

Says one such voter: "Eddie has his faults, plenty of them, but he thinks the way we do. He's one of us. He knows us. We know him. So we vote for him."



Hospital zoning in Methuen

Quiet issue expected to get loud

The city of Lowell has what the town of Methuen may soon have.

In Lowell, it is called an "institutional district."

In Methuen, if a planning board proposal becomes a reality, it will be a "hospital district."

These are zoning designations.

In Lowell, hospital and colleges (like the Lowell Technological Institute) are included in the institutional district. If only hospitals were included, it would be called a hospital district.

Institutional zoning means that when hospitals and other institutions want to expand, they may do, even though it may affect residential property.

Under such zoning in Lowell, hospitals and colleges must prepare a 10-year-master plan, so that homeowners may know exactly what is coming and will have plenty of time to move away if they choose. If they feel what is coming is unfair, they may stay and fight, and maybe they will win and maybe they won't.

The master plan in Lowell will also warn potential house-buyers that if they buy residential property in an institutional zone, they can't say later they weren't warned in advance if one day they find an institutional bulge in their back yards.

In Methuen, under the planning board proposal, the institutional zoning would affect the town's one hospital: Bon Secours.

Bon Secours is battling a number of residents who are protesting the hospital's plan to let a number of doctors and a Boston corporation construct a \$1.4 million private professional building on hospital land.

The residents, led by John DiBenedetto of Cross Street, who lives down the hill from Bon Secours, have appealed to superior court to overturn a zoning decision approving that construction.

In the meantime (a couple of weeks ago) a legal notice appeared in the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune that the planning board in Methuen would meet this Monday night to consider creating a hospital district for the town.

Such a district among other things, would permit construction of the professional building now under fire.

Residents in the vicinity of the hospital have hollered "foul" and claim the planning board proposal is merely a ruse to get the professional building up for the doctors.

They claim that something is "fishy" about the whole thing. They say the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune

has given no publicity to the proposal or the hearing that's coming up—a proposal which represents a major change in the town's zoning makeup and would have a major impact on residents.

DiBenedetto points out that the publisher of the Eagle-Tribune is Irving Rogers, who is also a trustee of Bon Secours. The trustees are the ones who approved the proposed construction of the professional building.

'It's good bait to lure doctors. They are attracted by a nice office . . . ' — WILLIAM CAFFREY

Chairman of the trustees is John E. Fenton. Fenton's son is legal counsel for both Bon Secours and the Eagle-Tribune.

In Lowell, one of the hospitals benefiting by institutional zoning is St. Joseph's Hospital, where construction of a \$4 million addition recently took place.

Across the street from the hospital (on private land), a professional building similar to the one wanted in Methuen is being built.

The public relations director at St. Joseph's is William Caffrey of Methuen, who says that the need for the professional building in Lowell was mandatory.

He cites a "serious doctor shortage" in the area and says that such a professional building will help attract new and younger doctors.

"It's good bait," he says, "to lure doctors. They are attracted by a nice office at a reasonable rate of rent, and it adds more specialists to our staff."

A serious problem in Lowell, he says, is that new families cannot find a doctor to care for their needs. "The doctors here are just filled up," he says.

Caffrey's words are echoed by Dr. James O'Shea, one of the principals in the proposed professional building at Bon Secours.

Caffrey says that the issue of institutional zoning was a hot one in Lowell, but that it went through because people realized that lives were at stake. It passed on a close Lowell city council vote.

Those in Methuen who oppose both hospital zoning and the professional building say that a doctor's office doesn't need to be next to a hospital. They point to the many office buildings for doctors that have been built throughout Greater Lawrence, including recent ones going up in Andover and North Andover.

They claim that the professional building proposed for Bon Secours land is, in the main, a money-making venture and that the stress on improved medical care is the excuse.

The issue is expected to be aired at this Monday's planning board hearing. A packed session is expected.

Jewish rally tonight in Lawrence

A solidarity rally of Jews in the Greater Lawrence Community will be held tonight at the Jewish Community Center, 580 Haverhill St., at 7:30 p.m.

A representative from the Israeli consulate in Boston will speak.

At least \$130 million has been raised nationally to send to Israel to help pay for the latest war between Israel and the Arabs.

The United Jewish Appeal, the major national group raising funds in the United States and in Canada, said that more than \$25 million has been donated in New York alone.

The funds, mostly in the form of Israeli bonds, are being used, said the Jewish organization, for social welfare and humanitarian needs. U.S. law prohibits money collected here to be spent to buy weapons overseas.

The war has cost Israel more than \$952 million after only five days of fighting.

American State Department officials say they see no easy victory for either side. The last Arabic-Israeli war lasted only six days.

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Accent on Methuen

By JACK WARK

"You can tell those town officials that I'll hire a bulldozer and rip up Chalet Drive before they force me to open it to the public."

That is the response of James Derderian, the owner and a resident of Chalet Drive, to a planning board order that he open the roadway to the public.

Municipal Planner Kevin Hagerty says the board's order is the result of its opinion that Derderian's refusal to open

Chalet Drive hinders access to a proposed housing development in the area.

"That's not my problem," says Derderian, whose home is located at the end of Chalet Drive which is about 400 feet long. "This is my driveway. I'm not ready to open it. And, as a matter of principle, I won't open it until I'm ready to open it."

The housing development off Chalet Drive is the proposal of

John Brox, a Dracut-based developer. It consists of plans for some 40 houses.

Hagerty says Derderian's refusal to go along with the planning board's order has led the board to submit the matter to Solicitor Americo Fusco for a ruling on whether Derderian, a self-employed manufacturer, can be forced to open the roadway.

"We expect a ruling from Fusco very soon," says Hagerty.

"I'm not concerned with any ruling from Fusco or anybody else," says Derderian. "We're talking about private property, my private property, and it takes a lot of nerve on the part of the town to tell me what I have to do with my property."

Thickening Plot

It becomes clearer why Town Councilor Raffi Takesian has his eye on the state rep's seat now

filled by popular Methuen Democrat Nicholas Buglione.

Buglione, according to friends of his, is eyeing the state senator's post now held by James Rurak, a Haverhill Democrat.

Doubtful, though, is that Takesian would be alone in pursuit of that rep's seat if Buglione were to pass up a re-election bid next year. Most likely, Takesian would be among a dozen or so going for it.

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Lead poisoning

A battle over “broken promise”

BY DAN FITTS

Usually a state bureaucrat doesn't call up a newspaper to complain about a city official, but that's what happened this week.

John Willoughby, assistant to the director of the state's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, phoned two newspapers: The Journal and Eagle-Tribune.

His complaint was with Robert J. Lippe, Lawrence's director of Health and Charities Dept.

Lippe, says Willoughby, has not kept his promise to begin testing preschoolers for lead poisoning.

Willoughby said Lawrence is the only major city in Massachusetts that hasn't at least begun to conduct such tests.

"We saw Lippe back in August. He promised his cooperation, he said he was going to get the program started. But the program hasn't got started. We keep calling his office but he's never in."

Lippe admits the city's lead testing program hasn't started yet but says it will begin in two to three weeks. He blames the state for whatever delay there may have been.

He said he's held meetings with child welfare people, visiting nurses, and other groups that will be helping the health department do the testing. But planning has been stalled by the need to wait for directives from the state, he said.

"The state's been sitting on its back, it's taken nine, 10, 12 months to get this lead testing organized and then they come in here after two months and say 'How come it's not going?' Lippe said.

He also said the new lead paint poisoning law, on which the testing program is based, "doesn't make sense"; that the Headstart youngsters in Lawrence were tested for lead poisoning a long time ago; and that he has so many other things to worry about, such as the Burke Hospital and the dump.

Lippe said he thinks he knows the real reason Willoughby is complaining publicly. "Who does he work for? Health Commissioner Bicknell. Bicknell wants to close down the Burke Hospital, and we're critical of Bicknell for wanting to do that. I would not doubt that Willoughby's calls are one way that Bicknell is trying to get back at us. Have you ever seen a state official doing this sort of thing before? I've never seen it before. Willoughby is a hatchet man for Bicknell."



JOURNAL PHOTOGRAPHER Dana Cahoon was in Boston this week to photograph song and film star Liza Minelli, who was performing to sellout engagements in the Hub. She is shown here having her lashes made pretty. She told Cahoon that she gets her lashes from the same makeup artist as Cher (of Sonny and Cher fame). Miss Minelli said that her lashes are so long that her bottom ones are longer than Cher's upper ones, for whatever that's worth. Worth more is the fact that Miss Minelli has just signed a \$100,000 contract for a future one-night singing performance.

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Letters

Lawrence High School

Sir:

I have never been subjected to such an assault of insipid opinion until I read the interview conducted by Andrew Coburn with three students from Lawrence High School.

The crisis facing L.H.S. is not one of broken windows and crowded corridors; nor is it one of excessively hot or cold classrooms; nor is it one of a monopoly of milk as liquid refreshment in the school cafeteria. If you would focus the crisis of L.H.S., please look to the students themselves. As your newspaper reported in a previous edition, the student body is shrinking, and be assured that it is a superior caliber of student that is fleeing that intellectual wasteland called Lawrence High School.

This is not to say that there is not here and there a group of bright students, or some teachers still dedicated to the profession of education; it is to say, however, that the majority of so-called students at that institute of pseudo-learning are intellectually sluggish, morally uninspired, sartorially despicable, and utterly lacking personal manners and intellectual curiosity.

The focus of adult concern should not be directed at incidents of violence at the school, but at the apathetic and moronic temperament of a large number, probably a majority, of Lawrence High students. Two months of student-teaching there has convinced me that the student body has got the evil reputation it deserves.

And unfortunately, too many teachers have succumbed to this pervasive attitude of apathy and have abandoned the attempt at teaching in favor of becoming baby-sitters and social workers, who do not try to teach but to "understand" or "get along with" their pupils.

For young Ms. Bresnahan, Ms. Baranauskas, and Mr. DiFruscia to try to convince me, who has seen first hand their fellow students perform, that all is well among the Lawrence High student body is a bit like the captain of the Titanic trying to convince the passengers that he has merely stopped to put aboard some ice.

Sincerely yours,
Frank O'Connor
12 Vandergrift St.
Lawrence, Mass.

Rotten to the core

To the editor:

The Watergate case has shown the little people that their votes do not really count, by the same token; if a line was drawn through every State, City and Town in America the same pattern applies.

Let's face it: the political system is rotten to the core. This did not come about because of the little people but because of our so-called leaders; their corruption, greed, sweetheart deals, patronage jobs, most of them; unneeded and costly, and an unwillingness to serve their employers, the tax payers.

This rotten system also applies to the City of Lawrence, only; that here, they do not want only the big money, but also want to and have been, digging into whatever they can get from our senior citizens who have so little, I am referring to the Legislations passed for our 'Older Americans'.

It used to be said that: "Taking candy from a baby" was the most despicable and hideous thing and crime that a person could be guilty of; this is no longer the case; the most despicable and hideous thing that these Vultures can be guilty of is taking the very little money to which they are entitled through social security, to further enrich their coffers. The politicians, that it.

This has been done, here in Lawrence by circumventing this Legislation for senior citizens, its intent and purposes. If that is not persons lower than a snake, what is?

When a city who become the

sponsors of a senior citizens club or center, make a public building into a money making one, mind you, owned especially, by them who paid for the public buildings during their fruitful years through their, even then, ever increasing taxes one begins to wonder just how low they can get!

There are over 11,000 senior citizens in the City of Lawrence at present and increasing every day, week and month. There are 12 senior citizens clubs also, they are all being short-changed. Thousands more will be, in the future because of political machinations.

You can see by the above that hereby hangs a tale which has not been told yet but should be told before the next

nomination and election. The little people must start fighting for their rights; they must form ranks to reverse this trend before it is too late. This country is top-heavy with Chiefs and not enough Indians to support them! Every day that passes brings our country towards the falls; it is inevitable because the Power that be will not know enough to change. It is now 353 years since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth; the end is near unless we can change this system, starting NOW! Thank God, I probably won't be alive when it happens, however; I fear for those who will be alive when this happens.

Sincerely and truthfully;
Al Dennis
657 Essex St.

Women not sheep

Dear Sir:

I am in one of Andover's women's groups which was not started by the Women's Center, but grew out of one of the member's questionings after reading "The Female Eunuch," by Germaine Greer.

Perhaps it does the women's movement a disservice to suggest that one individual is the "creating force behind some 10 consciousness-raising groups representing about 100 women" (the Sept. 27 Journal, page 18.)

It sounds too much like sheep being herded, rather than women being liberated.

We're all "creating forces," whether we're in a group or not.

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FROM LEFT — Judy Thomes of Andover and Jack Wilk and Mary Sandifrad of Lawrence fish near the sludge where the carp bites big.



JACK WILK holds up his catch — a 25-pound carp that he hooked on a half-boiled potato.

Catching carp in the Merrimack

Story by Andrew Coburn
Photos by Dana Cahoon

Near the Honeywell plant in Lawrence, raw sewage from the bowels of the city rushes into the Merrimack River.

This is where Jack Wilk of Lawrence, Judy Thomes of Andover and Mary Sandifrad of Lawrence, stand and catch carp.

The carp run big, with 20 to 25 pounds an average catch.

Except you can't eat them, because they're filthy fish. They feed on sewage and sludge.

Wilk and his companions, however, like to catch them anyway and then throw them back.

"Because of thermal pollution," says Wilk, "the Merrimack is as muddy as the Mississippi."

Another distinction is that the Merrimack is probably the filthiest river in the country (some people say the world).

"Carp," says Wilk, "can live just about anywhere, and that's why they're in the Merrimack." And the reason they're so big, he says, is because carp are simply gold fish, and gold fish grow in proportion to their environment. "Put them in a bowl and they're tiny. Put them in the Merrimack and they're monstrous."

Also in the Merrimack, he

says, are hompout, which are harder to catch than carp, because hompout stay at the bottom, skimming the sludge where nobody should be.

Carp, however, are easy to catch and bite at anything. Wilk and his fishing friends use a half-boiled potato because it hard enough to handle a hook

and soft enough for a carp to bite.

Wilk and his friends figure they can catch a carp every five minutes. The sport is trying to pull them in. The sludge gets in the way.

Another fish in the Merrimack is the pickerel, which feeds off the young of the carp and hompout.

Wilk says that with the crackdown on industrial dumping of chemical waste in the Merrimack, stripers are beginners to come in from the ocean, but not enough to matter at the moment.

In the meantime, say he and his friends, they'll fish for carp.

Plans made to stock salmon

It may not be too many years before Atlantic salmon will be running again in the Merrimack River.

According to Frank Grice, director of the Marine Fisheries Division of the state's Dept. of Natural Resources,

Massachusetts and New Hampshire have been working for two years with the Federal Government on plans to restore salmon to the Merrimack River.

Grice says that there have not been salmon in the river for years. But they will not be difficult to reintroduce, he says, once river conditions improve. He says that several Maine rivers, for instance the Penobscot, have been successfully stocked with salmon recently.

Grice says that when the Merrimack is ready for them, salmon in their "smolt" stage will be dumped in the river. At this stage the fish are 2 to 3 years old and will measure 5 to 16 inches. This is when they are ready to leave fresh water and head for the open sea, he says. Although the salmon will no sooner be introduced to the river than they will begin their journey to the ocean, Grice says they will not forget where to return when they are ready to spawn. "Salmon become imprinted with a river very quickly and will return to wherever you stocked them," he says.

Grice says that of course the Merrimack is not ready for the fish yet.

"There are still severe pollution problems. Most of the cities and towns on the river are on implementation schedules, so far as cleaning up on factory wastes and sewage. But so far it's been primarily on paper rather than on the river."

Grice says that another problem for the salmon would be the "very elaborate" canal systems of Lowell and Lawrence, which he says could stymie salmon migrating both downstream and upstream. He compares the canals to a maze.

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The boys who once were or would now be locked up at the Essex County Training School are scattered around New England in foster homes, halfway houses, rehabilitation homes, and detention centers.

Where the courts sent the youngsters seems to depend mainly on the recommendation of officers of the state Department of Youth Services—and on the availability of the appropriate facilities.

No one claims the present system is perfect. Youth Service personnel, contacted by the Journal, readily admitted their program has many bugs in it. But they say the youngsters are at the very least better off than they would have been in a county training school.

The training schools, which housed boys from ages 6 through 16, were closed this year in response to considerable pressure from the public and the state legislature.

"The courts seem to be more responsive to the kids' needs without the training schools than with them," said Paul Leahy, director of the Worcester Detention Center of the DYS. "Now they simply can't send them to a training school, they have a responsibility to try something new."

The "something new" varies from youngster to youngster. Ray Mason, assistant director for the DYS in this region, estimated that about 20 per cent of the boys who used to be in the Essex County Training School are now in foster homes—"and that would be maybe as high as 50 to 60 percent if we had enough foster homes," he added.

Perhaps half of the boys once incarcerated at the Essex Training School have been placed in schools like Sacred Heart Academy in Andover, Cushing Academy in West Newbury and others that have made arrangements with the DYS, Mason said.

Some of the youngsters have returned to their homes, and the rest, the hard core ones, are being detained in some sort of center or other.

These latter centers vary from the Roslindale Youth Service Detention Center, which Mason calls "very poor," to a "concept house" like Elan One in Maine. In Elan One, said Mason, youngsters are given a "heavy barrage" of group therapy and other kinds of therapy.

Mason said the youngsters who need to be detained in such institutions are very often the alumni of places like the Essex Training School. These youngsters have become "system wise," he said. They have been

hardened by so many years of exposure to indifferent institutions that they regard just about anybody trying to help them as "the enemy," he said.

The problems? One of the biggest, according to Mason, is lack of funds. Another is the shortage of foster homes, a problem the DYS is hoping to solve by hiring a firm to publicize the need for them.

The third problem, he said, is that "an awful lot of the staff is non-productive." The DYS itself has undergone changes in the last few years, particularly after

Dr. Jerome Miller took charge.

In the past, said Mason, the DYS was more set in its ways, more impersonal, more inclined to simply send a boy off to the most convenient detention center. Miller tried to increase the flexibility of his department, to humanize treatment.

Many DYS employees greeted these changes with anger, said Mason. "They find it hard to relate to the new system. A lot of them are political appointees, but they're on our payrolls and we can't hire new good people to replace them."



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Rent control may never make it in Methuen

By DAN FITTS

Although it may be badly needed, rent control may never be instituted in Methuen.

Exactly zero tenants showed up Tuesday night at town hall to try to convince the legislative committee of the town council that something ought to be done about rent gouging.

This non-turnout doesn't mean there is no rent gouging in Methuen. The town has nearly 5,000 apartments and many landlords, some of whom, according to Councilor John Albis, are "unscrupulous." He said he has received complaints lately from 15 different tenants

"If a man doesn't have the guts behind his belt to speak, I'm not going to speak for him." — Councilor John Albis about tenants who say they are going to show up and don't.

about landlords raising rents by as much as 10 to 35 percent. The federal guidelines recommend increases of only five percent a year, he said.

But because none of these tenants turned up at the Tuesday night hearing, the prospect looks bleak for rent control. The legislative committee may hold another meeting on the subject—it has taken the matter "under advisement"—but if nobody shows up for that one, even Albis, Tuesday night's lone

champion of rent control, will drop the matter.

Rent control is not an easy thing to establish. It would mean appointing a board to meet regularly and listen to tenant grievances, then make recommendations about specific rent hikes. It would mean spending some money and wallowing around in a great deal of red tape. But it might be worth it if it offered protection to tenants.

It could be, of course, that there isn't much of a problem in Methuen, though the calls Albis said he's received indicate that there is. In fact, Albis said, it was because of such calls that he originally suggested the legislative committee hold a hearing on the matter.

How else can the non-turnout be explained? Albis complained

about the poor advertising the hearing received: just a legal ad in the Methuen News, a small announcement in the Eagle-Tribune, and a mention on WCCM.

Or it might be because, as Rep. Arthur Khourey, (D-Lawrence) suggested, tenants are usually badly organized and lack a voice.

But Albis hinted that the main reason nobody showed up Tuesday night was fear—fear that the landlord would punish a tenant who complained about him, fear of repercussions.

Albis, himself a landlord, told the three legislative committee members who attended the Tuesday night hearing that several tenants told him they would be at the hearing. "It's very disheartening when people say they are going to do something and then don't," he said. "If a man doesn't have the

guts behind his belt to speak, I'm not going to speak for him."

Lawrence Alderman Robert J. Lippe said this same vicious circle—the tenant afraid to complain about a landlord for fear the landlord will give him something even worse to complain about—underlies the lack of response so far to the rent arbitration board established by the Greater Lawrence Rental Association. "The tenants just won't complain to them," Lippe said.

Lippe said it would be a mistake for Methuen to institute a rent control board on the assumption that there are unscrupulous landlords somewhere in town if nobody shows up at a hearing to complain about them. "If the tenants are afraid to come to a hearing, they're going to be just as afraid to come before the rent control board," he said.

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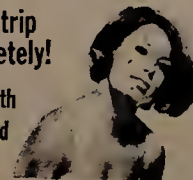
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Editorials

Lawrence High dropouts

Three youths were arrested and two injured in a fight last week near Lawrence High School.

Weapons used were medieval—sticks with chains tied to them, the kind that break bones and tear tissue, and could maim a person for life.

Fortunately the injuries in the fight were not crippling. The fight, according to headmaster Peter Smith, involved dropouts who hang around the school.

Last week, during an interview with the Journal about the image and atmosphere of Lawrence High School, senior class president Tony DiFruscia said that a deep problem at the school was the dropouts and graduates, jobless for the most part, who hang around the school.

“That doesn’t speak well for Lawrence’s educational system,” said DiFruscia, who has a fierce pride in the school and hates the image it has.

The depth of the educational system, he said, reflects exactly how deeply the community as a whole thinks about it.

Obviously, he said, it doesn’t think much about it at all, except negatively.

It appears to the Journal that an inordinate number of dropouts hang around the high school, as if hungering to get back in because they feel left out. An inordinate number appear to make their way across the street from the high school to the library, not to read, but to mingle and merge with the students there.

The dropouts show off and often act idiotically, as if this were the only way to draw attention: “Look, here I am!”

The dropouts have no jobs, and that appears to make them surly and defensive.

Some people maintain that the best defense is offense, and the dropouts practice it, because last week’s fight with sticks and chains was far from the first around the high school, except that usually knives instead of chains are used.

The problem, however, is inside the high school, and the root of it follows the school system, which, as DiFruscia says, is no better and no worse than what the community demands and allows.

A waste of money

Essex County commissioners have hired Thomas J. O’Leary Jr. of Andover as county planner, a newly created post.

He heads a newly created planning department with a budget of \$30,000 through next June.

O’Leary’s salary starts at \$13,007 and may jump to \$16,549 in seven years.

O’Leary may be well qualified for the job, which is entirely beside the point, because his job never should have been created in the first place, and neither should the department he now heads.

The county planning department is a duplication of effort. It is unneeded and unnecessary because what it has been set up to do is already being done by the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and local planning boards.

The commissioners knew this and despite public criticism, established their own planning department anyway—a complete waste of taxpayers money.

Hold on.

The commissioners are now looking for an assistant planner.

The action is irresponsible and an insult to taxpayers who must foot the bill.

In Middlesex county the same sort of irresponsibility took place, and voters finally reacted by electing reform candidates to the county commission.

The same thing should happen when the Essex County commissioners come up for re-election.

William Donovan, Daniel Burke and Edward Cahill are the present commissioners.

An unlocked door

In Salem, N.H., Town Manager William L. Kelly has told selectmen that police did not make a forceful entry into the home of Robert F. McCarty during a Sept. 24 drug raid in an adjoining apartment of the duplex.

A police officer rushed into McCarty’s side of the Cove Road duplex

and withdrew when he realized he was in the wrong apartment.

Town Manager Kelly bases his conclusion on a police report that McCarty’s door was unlocked and that the officer didn’t do any damage to McCarty’s apartment.

May it never happen to you, Mr. Kelly.

In the midst of life

The Lawrence Planning Board has approved an elderly housing project to be constructed in downtown Lawrence at the corner of Broadway and Essex Street.

The plan calls for the 212-unit project to be built by Overland Towers Co. under the sponsorship of the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority.

Both the planning board and the

redevelopment authority should be commended for their action.

There is no better place for an elderly project than in the midst of the city, in the hustle and bustle of downtown, with stores within a stroll, with plenty of places to go, with everything convenient.

Needed now is approval by the city council.

Editorial points

Lawrence city planner Harry Weinroth says the former Lawrence Public Library can be used as a cultural center for the community. Some years ago, Thomas Leavitt, then a member of the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority, made a similar suggestion for the former post office building at the corner of Essex Street and Broadway. Leavitt was hooted to hell and back, and the post office building, an attractively sturdy structure, was demolished. But maybe times have changed.

A citizens’ group has been formed in North Andover to prevent fluoridation of the town’s water supply. They just won’t quit, will they?

Some Methuen residents feel the 21-man Town Council should be halved to 11 councilors. And some feel the 21-man Council should be cut to zero and replaced with a 21-woman Town Council. Women, it is felt, would not be so picayune and would get the job done in half the time.

Here’s a recent headline from the Eagle-Tribune: “Fuel action pleases Cronin.” We’re pleased that he’s pleased because nobody likes to be upset.

The Cronin in question, of course, is US Rep. Paul W. Cronin, who lately is getting his picture in the Eagle-Tribune more often than the paper’s publisher, which is frequent. Cronin need only breathe, and he’s there.

Robert Hatem, vice president of Merrimack College, says that a survey he headed shows that the Lawrence area may have more job openings than people to fill them. The question that arises is how many of those jobs are minimum wage.

In North Andover, the school committee met with the student advisory council to discuss the beer-drinking and littering of the town’s Middle School grounds. The school committee wants to close the grounds. The students want those guilty of beer-drinking and littering prosecuted so that the innocent won’t be penalized. The students’ recommendation seems much more sensible than that of their elders.

At last week’s special town meeting in Andover, a number of residents came away impressed with the job done by moderator William Dalton and distressed with the lopsided and obviously biased opposition to the flood plain zoning article. Only 519 voters showed up, but it was clear that those opposing flood plain zoning were there in full strength.

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Bell ringer

Now that Columbus Day is out of the way, how about a national legal holiday called Quiet Day. Making it illegal for anyone to open his/her mouth—except for food—for 24 hours.

Speaking of food, why does that Methuen maitre d' always insist on leading me (if it's not me, it's someone else) to the booth nearest the kitchen even though the place may be practically empty? I enjoy taking the walk with him just so when we get there I can point out the booth farthest away as the place I must sit at.

I go into deep depression whenever a waiter serves me water without ice in the glass. Right away I know the lettuce will be brown at the edges. And that I'll have to go down the cellar to find the waitress before I can pay the check.

I'd be happy to congratulate the Elks for voting to admit blacks if they hadn't had their arms twisted off at the shoulder bone before giving in.

The meat shortage may have made the butcher a little king, but my meat man is completely out of it. Insists that from now on when I want two pounds of chuck, I ask for Charles.

Andover's rubbish collection is such a success, it has led to a whole new industry. Hi-Class Garbage Inc., supplies you with empty imported champagne bottles, caviar containers, pate packages and truffle tins so your neighborly garbage snoopers really will have something to talk about.

One of Lawrence's leading Republicans, worried about a surprise visit from the President, has just paid out of his own pocket for his own recording of "Hail to the Chief." It's a harmonica arrangement.

How about a section at the supermarket reserved for the bare necessities of life. So I can get in and out in a hurry.

I wish they'd knock off all the fuss about allowing voluntary prayer in public schools. Every kid I know prays before every exam and no one's going to stop that, no way.

More and more I'm convinced the only way the Democrats are going to lose the 1976 presidential election is by jumping en masse down the elevator shaft of the Washington monument.

How many times must I remind you not to confuse intelligence with education? One of the wisest men I know is a retired brick layer whose high school diploma is very much in question. On the other hand I regularly talk with a chap who boasts three degrees and has the intellectual capacity of a small green pea.

Flip Wilson in drag is better looking than some of the girls I date.

I'm exhausted from scouring the back roads of Greater Lawrence in search of a \$200,000 mansion so I can go on welfare.

My biggest cry of the weekend came when I read in the real estate sections of the Sunday papers that some people are having trouble getting mortgage money for a second home.

First chance I get, I'm starting Brian Dowling at quarterback for the Patriots. First, of course, because he's a Yale man. And secondly because it's embarrassing week after week to watch him blowing up footballs on the sidelines. Furthermore, Jim Plunkett hasn't been great—and Brian Dowling could be.

I don't want any more details of President Nixon's real estate and other financial transactions until I succeed in balancing my own checkbook. I start fresh with the bank's figures every month—and come out a loser a month later. Which might explain my compulsion to kick bank presidents in the shin whenever I can.

You've got to admire our men in Congress. They couldn't bring us tax reform, welfare improvements or national health care but, by God, they brought us another game of pro football on TV.

I suppose the Journal's erudite jazz critic would throw up if he heard me extol the featured clarinetist in Lawrence Welk's band as one of the best musical talents in the business. The guy's a native of Canada and I can't remember his name—but see what you think. It's worth suffering through all that soft shoe stuff just to hear a couple of sets with this new Benny Goodman.

Lawrence election

This week's preliminary election raised more questions than it answered.

It told us who will run against whom in the November finals and little more than that.

It left us wondering if the puny voter turnout was the result of satisfaction with the city's political status quo or if it was the result of apathy or of a general feeling that things aren't going to get any better no matter who is in office.

It left us wondering if an ethnic vote or quirk of the electorate carried Anthony Carelli to his surprising health and charities nomination or if he has the kind of city-wide support he will need to defeat

Alderman Robert Lippe in the November finals.

It left us wondering if incumbent Edward Callahan's slip to a fourth place finish in the school committee race means that either of two challengers, Evelyn Webb Abisalih or James Vittoriooso, has a chance to oust Callahan next month.

And it left us wondering if a larger voter turnout for the finals would help challengers who were outrun by incumbents in the preliminary—challengers such as Albert Previte who is going against John Buckley in the mayor's race and Domenic Armano who is going against Alderman Alfred Donovan in the public safety contest.

Grapevine Bitterness at the LHA

Relations between Lawrence Housing Authority officials and maintenance employees are drenched in bitterness with, some sources say, threats of violence in the air.

At the heart of the matter is the opposition of LHA officials to a push by the 27-member maintenance force for pay hikes which would raise the wages of maintenance employees from \$195 to \$242 per week.

Reports are that two LHA officials have been threatened with "physical injury," if they refuse to go along with the proposed pay increases.

Sources knowledgeable about the situation stress that such threats haven't come from any of the maintenance employees—but, rather, have been conveyed by an individual who claims to be in sympathy with the employees.

The two LHA officials, at whom the threats reportedly have been directed, have been mum on the subject.

For about two years now, the maintenance force has been trying to get LHA officials to bow to a state law which, according to maintenance employees, makes the pay hikes mandatory.

LHA officials have argued that such raises are unreasonable and would place the LHA in dire financial straits.

COLLISION COMING

There's friction between Mayor John Buckley and Alderman Richard Reming which, one of these days, is going to erupt into a full-fledged battle.

That, at least, is the prediction of people close to Reming.

They say that Reming is persistently irritated by the slowness with which the mayor moves on matters the alderman feels are important.

Now, for instance, Reming is said to be boiling at Buckley's failure to respond to Reming's urging that the zoning board of appeals, which comes under the mayor's control, be prodded into rendering quicker decisions.

Said a member of the Reming camp: "Dick Reming is the kind of guy who wants everything done yesterday while the mayor, maybe because he's older and more experienced, likes to take his time. Waiting drives Reming wild, and the mayor makes him wait."

As for the zoning board situation, Reming's confidants say the alderman is so miffed at the mayor's inertia that the next time Reming receives a complaint about zoning board slowness he plans to force the mayor's hand by placing the matter on the city council agenda.

HOW DID HE DO IT?

Some folks are wondering how Joseph ("Boxie") Habib, a municipal tax collector's office employee, fits so well with Mayor Buckley.

Habib was an avid supporter of Daniel Kiley in 1965 when Kiley ousted Buckley from the mayor's office and then stuck with Kiley throughout the latter's six years in office.

Now Habib is permitted to drive the mayor's car, which, as City Hall watchers know, is an honor Buckley bestows on few and far between.

ANOTHER QUESTION

Other folks are wondering if William Somma, Hancock Courts housing project manager, did much project managing last Friday. Somma, for many years a Buckley supporter, was spotted on that day, during LHA working hours, first, bouncing about City Hall and, later, driving around the downtown area, his car sporting a Buckley political sign.

FAMILY AFFAIR

The family of Rocco Leo, who is one of Alderman Joseph Markey's principal political boosters, is doing well when it comes to city jobs. Rocco is a street department foreman. His daughter, Carolyn, is a clerk in the municipal purchasing department. And her husband, Michael Traficante is a water department employee.

City buys \$900 machine without calling bids

City Purchasing Agent Vincent Doyle this week revealed that he authorized purchase of a \$900 mimeograph machine without a call for bids and without soliciting proposals from any firm other than the one from which the machine was bought.

The purchase, according to City Clerk Joseph Smith, was "an apparent violation" of municipal regulations.

Doyle said that last February he authorized the purchase from A.B. Dick of Waltham without calling for bids and without consulting any other firms because, he said, "it was clear we couldn't get a better deal than the one offered by Dick."

Doyle said he based that assertion on the fact that Dick was the low-bidder in 1971 when bids were sought on a mimeograph machine for the school department. At that time, Doyle said, Dick's bid was \$874— which, he said, was some \$21 lower than the next lowest bid.

"When they (Dick) told me this year that they only wanted \$26 more than they wanted two years ago, I knew nobody else was going to beat the deal they were offering," said Doyle. "So I authorized the purchase and feel justified in having done it."

Said the city clerk: "The regulations are frequently ignored but they do say that competitive bidding must precede any purchase in excess of \$25. It would seem that this (the \$900 purchase) is in violation of city regulations."

In the past, Doyle has argued that the volume of city purchases is so great that it would be impossible for him to seek bids on all purchases of \$25 or more.

Doyle said the \$900 mimeograph machine was bought after Alderman Richard Reming, director of public property and parks, informed him that the recreation department needed a

mimeograph machine. The machine, Doyle said, is being used in the recreation department office at City Hall.

"They (recreation department personnel) had been using the school department machine but I guess it reached the point that the recreation department needed a machine of its own," said Doyle. "Now they have one."

Suppliers gross \$1.8m

New England Telephone Co. reports that Western Electric paid \$1.8 million to 102 suppliers in Lawrence last year.

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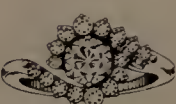

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Phillips Academy

Fistfights close campus

By SUSAN BATTLES

All is not quiet on the sprawling, stately Phillips Academy campus.

Last weekend's series of skirmishes and one real free-for-all between the "preppies" and the "townies" have put everyone—the Andover police, the Phillips security police, and the students from both the academy and Andover High School—on guard.

According to Daniel Guiney, chief of security at Phillips, the campus and its facilities are now closed to all outsiders, including students and adults, unless they have been invited onto campus by a student who has first cleared the invitation with a dean.

On Saturday night, one Andover High senior ended up in the Lawrence General Hospital emergency room after having one of his front teeth knocked out by a P.A. student. The high schooler, who asked not to be identified, said he and his girlfriend were on Phillips campus looking for her brother, a student there, when he was jumped from behind by a group of academy students. He said he had had a few words with one

Today student leaders from Phillips Academy will meet with their counterparts at Andover High School to try to straighten out problems.

To be discussed is the possibility of students from each school sharing facilities, holding classes together, and joining in social events.

prep earlier, but had not provoked the fight, which cost him a tooth.

Not so, says Guiney. He said his information, conflicting though it was in spots, put the blame on the high school student who was described as "trying to pick a fight."

"He (the high schooler) was up at George Washington Hall with three or four of his friends and his girlfriend when he started picking on one kid and using foul language. A security guard radioed for a patrol car, but by the time it got there, five or six students from both schools were yelling dirty names at each other, and the fight broke out." It was during this fight, he said, that the town kid got his tooth knocked out and his mouth bloodied.

Guiney said by the time the Andover police reached the scene, the town kids had cleared out. However, 45 minutes later,

four carloads of "townies" came roaring up to the campus, looking for academy students and yelling obscenities at them, he said. Within a few minutes, some 100 students, about 50 from each school, were going at each other on the corner of Main and Salem Streets. The Andover police were again called, but again, all the outsiders left as soon as the first flash of blue light from the patrol car was seen, Guiney reported.

On Sunday night, a group of about 15 town youths were seen walking onto the campus allegedly trying to "settle the score" with the preps, but the town police were called and arrived before any fighting broke out.

According to the boy who lost his tooth, this animosity between Andover High and Phillips has been going on for years, and the Andover police blotter verifies that information.

"Last year, some high school kids went up and knocked them around. There's a strange bunch up there, and it gets under the skin of some kids," the high schooler said, adding that some high school kids think the P.A. kids are "snobby".

The Andover boy said he knew many high schoolers wanted to go back to the campus Sunday night to get even. He said he got calls from people all day who said they'd go back and "take care of things" for him.

The youth said he told the callers to forget it, and stay off the campus. He said he's been going to functions at P.A. for years, has many friends there, and never had any trouble there before last weekend.

The boy said, "The whole incident was P.A.'s fault."

Guiney said, "He asked for it, and he received it."

The Andover police were kept busy all weekend with calls from citizens reporting threats of a gang fight, and alerting police to the fact that big groups of teenagers were seen driving and wandering around the campus.

The officer said years ago the animosity was between Andover High School and Lawrence High School. "If a kid was seen wearing an Andover jacket in Lawrence, he'd get clobbered. Kids from both towns were roaming around in groups looking for somebody to beat up on," he said.

Back in those days, he reported, Phillips was fairly insulated from the rest of the community, and it was rare to see a prep out after dark.

Now, however, the academy students are allowed out until 11 p.m., and until 11:30 p.m. if there's a rock concert on campus, as there was Saturday night.

According to Guiney, it was after the concert that the big punching match got underway. The high schooler who lost his tooth said several preps had to be taken to the infirmary after the fight.

Guiney said town students have been allowed to attend the movies and dances at the school because there's not much for teenagers to do in Andover on a Saturday night. But that's all over now, until further notice. Phillips publishes a daily bulletin for students and faculty, Guiney said, and Sunday morning's bulletin informed the academy of the new social rules.

Guiney said Andover youths have been allowed many freedoms on the campus, as long as they obeyed the rules and "behaved themselves".

No one really seems to know what causes the sporadic outbreaks of fighting between the preppies and the townies.

One Andover police officer said the townies have no business being on the campus in most cases, and thus, they are the ones to blame for the trouble. He said you never see academy students roaming around the town looking for a fight.

A second Andover officer disagreed, saying that there must be some "wise guys" at Phillips who are as interested in fighting as some high school students.

Guiney agrees "We have the same percentage of troublemakers here as the high school has, and it's naive for people to think P.A. students are any better or any different from any other students," he said.

Nevertheless, Guiney says, a lot of the fighting is provoked by outsiders. Earlier this year, an academy boy was walking his girlfriend back to the Abbot dormitory on School Street when he was jumped by three townies who knocked out his four front teeth at the gum line, Guiney said.

"We tried to find out who did it, and the Andover police tried too, but we couldn't get a positive identification. The boy's father wanted to file a complaint," he reported.

Guiney feels the fighting is "stupid because it's so unnecessary." He said he has no trouble with 90 per cent of the town youths who come on campus, but that small minority of troublemakers have now ruined it for everybody.

The town kids who hang around the common "drinking beer and popping pills" are the ones who then start looking for excitement, he said. "Their attitude is, 'Let's go up to P.A. and beat up the faggots' ". Guiney added.

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Newbury Street's mixed flavors

STORY By ANDREW COBURN

PHOTOS By TOM MEADE

There's something special about Newbury Street in Lawrence.
It smells nice.

It is a street to stroll, as in a movie, except this is real and has a special flavor that is neither this nor that, but is a mix of many things, fish and fowl, fruit and vegetables, cheese and crackers.

It floats in and out of the little shops and stores where most people used to speak Italian and now many speak Spanish — but no matter what the language, you get the smell of the leaf and the aroma of the root because you're back to basics.

It filters around Ramon Ramirez who five years ago left Santo Domingo for Lawrence and two years ago started a pint-sized store where he specializes in beef-steak and sells sweet potatoes that are as big as babies and are shaped like people.

He has a wife and two small kids (ages 3 and 4) and a fishing pole leaning near his cash register in case he hears the mackerel and pollack are biting.

His customers know him well and chatter to him as they pick their purchases — a bag of Jack Rabbit Pinto beans, or a can of lard with a Spanish label, or a bunch of yams, or a can of guava shells in heavy syrup, or a sack of corn meal, or a six-pack of Malta India soft drink, or a packet of chamomile flowers which is an herb tea, or a can of wegwood (which is a tea, too), or a bag of Red Seal rice from the Rice Growers Assn. of California.

The flavor of the street touches Charles Tomaselli who has been on it for a couple of generations with fruits and vegetables and his voice is loud as he hands a bag to a customer he has known all his life: "George, you've got a dollar-ten here."

And the dollar-ten may be for prickly pears or a beaming bunch of grapes or for mangoes or for special squashes, the likes of which you don't see often.

Nearby is El Hispano grocery store run by a father and son, Jose F. Delo Santos and Jose Jr. The store is small, and the customers crushed. Here you seldom hear the ring of the register because much is on tab, with Jose or Jose Jr. penciling the bill in a book, which later will fit into the father's pocket, money in the bank, except there's no interest, but a business is being built, the way businesses have always been.

The store is only a year old, but already Jose in his leather hat looks like a fixture, and his son, 15, a student at Holy Rosary, speaks letter-perfect Lawrence English. The family came here five years ago from Santo Domingo.

Jose Jr. knows the store as well as his father does. He knows the customers. He weighs, and they watch, and nobody smiles until the purchase is completed, and then everyone smiles.

It's a busy store, with radio music in the background, with somebody inspecting a huge leaf of dried and salted codfish, with little Edgardo Nigaghioni picking up a bunch of bananas for his mother (who later sends him back because he got the wrong kind), with special kinds of candies made from jelly or paste, with the sight of blood because the butcher business there is brisk.

Further along is Catalano's Market, an institution on the street and in the city. Sebastiano Catalano started it 50 years ago, and he and his two sons, Joe and Nick, run it as a family business, with customers coming from all over the city and from Andover and Methuen, North Andover, and some from out of state.

Inside the store, past and present are pieced together, with rows of a modern supermarket approach somehow maintaining the intimacy of a corner store, which it still is, except it's bigger than that, and not all of the customers know one another, as in the old days.



Edgardo Nigaghioni, a customer after bananas.



Family portrait at the shop of Ramon Ramirez.



Jose F. Delo Santos with Jose Jr. and a customer



Charles Tomaselli and son: fruits and vegetables.



Joseph Carrubba: his specialty is cannoli.



Ramon Ramirez, ready for business...or fishing.

Business is heavy at the butcher counter where the meat is cut on a block in front of the customer, who directs the operation. The smell here is marvelous from Mozzarella cheese and Italian sausages and from spices you have to be a specialist to know about.

One customer is an elderly woman who used to own a market on Water Street, but that was years ago, and now she lives near the Essex Street Plaza, which is one hell of a hike to Newbury Street for a woman her age. Yet she does it, and she watches Nick Catalano tailor-make the meat the way she wants it.

"Good, good," she says, but she's just as

ready to say, "No, no," in the event she wants it different.

Near Catalano's is the tiny store of Joseph Carrubba, 72, and his wife Nellie, who have been on the street for 40 years. Their specialty is Italian cannoli and pasticciotti, the recipes for which, says Mrs. Carrubba, she and her husband paid \$1000 for years ago from a man named Scamporino in Haverhill.

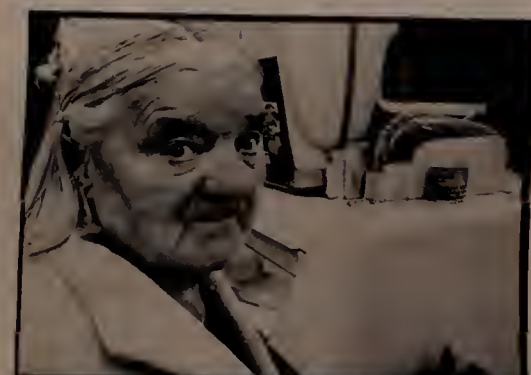
"He gave us the recipes, and we paid him a little at a time," she says, but her husband downplays that, because he says Scamporino's recipes merely gave him a basic idea for his own original recipes.

The weather is giving the air a bite now, and this doesn't make Carrubba smile, because his lemonade slush business is dropping off. But in the summer, his slush business is big, and the Spanish children on the street crowd his store.

His other big sellers are gelati and spumoni, and his sesame seed cookies are staples.

"I don't make much money," says Carrubba with a half-smile, "but I got a good store," and he gives out a free sample.

He's got good cannoli, too.



Andover's first librarian

He also swept the floor

ANDOVER — One hundred years ago Memorial Hall Library's first director was hired not only to look after books but to sweep the floor. Ballard Holt, 2nd was appointed Librarian and Janitor in May, 1873.

A century later library director Harry Sagris is still sweeping cobwebs, but only figuratively. And Sagris' duties do not include, as Holt's did, making sure that patrons do not spit on the floor.

The library is celebrating its centennial next week with open house and daily doings which include a film about the library, a talk by an author and an evening with Philip K. Allen who will share his thoughts on books.

The red brick building in Elm Square has changed over the past 100 years — in architecture as well as scope.

It started out as a typically Victorian building, properly gingerbreaded and strait-laced looking for the times. In 1927 Andoverites decided they wanted something more New Englandy, so they sliced off the library's roof, added a Georgian type top with a cupola, fiddled with the windows and entrance and ended up with the present building.

The library is a memorial to local veterans of

the Civil War — hence its name. Upstairs, in the part which is actually the memorial hall, four tables list the names of the dead and sometimes where and how they died.

"Andrew K. Patrick, died of wounds at Fredericksb'g, Va., James McCusker, died a prisoner at Salisbury, N.C." Most of those who died during the war died "of disease".

Some of the tablets' names are familiar — instantly recognizable as Andover names still active in the life of the town.

Some of the names are familiar as streets in the town — Lovejoy, Holt, Bailey, Chandler and Porter.

John Smith, a wealthy Andover mill owner who had no formal education, founded the library after he saw a reading room during his travels in Germany, the likes of which he thought would be a nice addition to his town.

He started things with \$25,000. Townspeople like the idea and fattened the fund with nickel and dime subscriptions, but there was still not enough money to start building until someone remembered a town fund of about \$4,000 for a Civil War memorial. The memorial money boosted the library fund over the top, and construction began.

Library officials wanted very much to have John Smith's daughter, 88-year-old Mary Byers Smith, be at the centennial celebration. She couldn't make it. Following her father's bent for building, she is busy supervising construction of her new home in northern New England.

Among Memorial Hall's treasures is a charcoal of a beardless Abraham Lincoln, given as a bequest in 1916. Until 1946, Lincoln scholars had no idea the Charles Barry drawing was in Andover, and Andover did not know it was hiding Lincoln. Librarian Miriam Putnam read a news article about the missing portrait and recognized it as the library's.

The library has grown from a reading room to a regional library serving 25 nearby communities.

Its services are varied. Along with books it lends art reproductions, phonograph records, tapes and braille books. Reference librarians can find the answer to almost any question — to settle an argument or to help with a term paper.

The library has changed, but it remains the same as what its original trustees intended it to be — "...useful to the greatest number of the living citizens of Andover, young and old, as a ...center of historic treasures and popular culture..."

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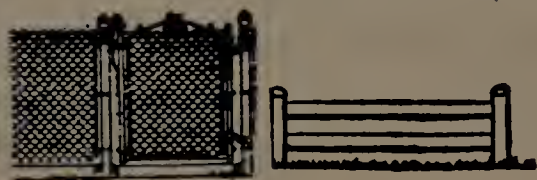
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The salary of Andover School Supt. **KENNETH R. SEIFERT** has risen to \$30,363, following a 4.7 percent pay increase granted Andover educators in the public school system. Commented a senior at Andover High School: "That's good. I might go into that kind of work myself, except my grades ain't so good."

MRS. ARNOLD COSTA of Methuen, who does custodial work at the Bay State Building in Lawrence, is the writer of some pretty fair poetry. And, with some prompting, she gives recitations.

The Lawrence Police Department has a healthy — no pun intended — share of physical fitness addicts. Among those who workout most diligently are **LT. SAM LOPIANO**, **SGTS. FRANK CONCEMI** and **SAM RAPISARDI** and **PATROLMEN BOB BLANCHETTE**, **DON CRONIN** and **JOE WELCH**, each of whom gets to the local YMCA almost daily. Lopiano, Concemi and Rapisardi are handballers while Blanchette is a long-distance runner and Cronin and Welch go for basketball.

Speaking of Lawrence police, **ERNEST DIFIORE**, a much-respected retired detective, is at Lawrence General Hospital where he is being treated for a heart condition. His thoughts remain with the department. Just the other day he called the Journal to praise the quality of local candidates for the Lawrence force.

JOYCE ROUTHIER beat out the boys and won the presidency of the senior class at Salem

(N.H.) High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Routhier, 28 Henderson Circle in Salem.

MICHAEL MAWSON of North Andover has received a \$500 scholarship from the Massachusetts Restaurant Assn. Mawson is a graduate of the Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical School and is now attending the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y.

The Journal has heard that many North Andover residents are disappointed that **DONALD N. KEIRSTEAD** intends to retire from the town's planning board when his five-year term ends in March. They say they think he has done a good job for the town and will be difficult to replace.

RICHARD WOODMAN, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Andover has been appointed by Harvard University to counsel Unitarian-Universalist students at the university's divinity school. He will also conduct weekly seminars there. He has been minister of the Andover church since 1968.

CHARLES HESELTINE has been chosen to direct the retail task force of the Andover Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Austin E. Anderson.

Three Methuen High School students were cited for their outstanding performance on the preliminary National Merit Scholarship test. They are **JANICE KAY**, **NANCY WALSH**, and **KEITH RAYMOND**.

JOSEPH BEZUKA, an advisory member of the Salem (N.H.) Community Council for the Elderly, plans to ask March town meeting to change the mandatory retirement age for town workers from 65 to 70. Bezuka, 55, has voluntarily retired from government.

ROBERT VOGLER has been elected president of the Methuen Kiwanis Club. He is a resident of the town and a school teacher in Beverly.

THOMAS VALLARIO of Cross Street, Lawrence, a well-known pianist, will perform in this season's Celebrity Series at Merrimack College. In the spring, he will have an engagement with the Boston Pops, with comedian Danny Kaye conducting.

BERNADINE COBURN of Andover, a correspondent with the Boston Globe and associate editor with this newspaper, will address the journalism class at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill. Last week, she spoke to the Rotary Club of Methuen and Salem, N.H.

BARRY MACDONALD of Danvers, who is part-time legal counsel for the Essex County commissioners, has had his pay boosted from \$9000 a year to \$12,000. That's a 25 percent pay jump.

ROGER E. WELLS, Essex County sheriff, has gotten a 10 percent pay hike. He now draws \$18,728 annually.



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8 women take off for different kind of 'lost weekend'

By SUSAN BATTLES

Eight local women took off last Friday for the third in a series of "No Demand Weekends."

Five of the women, who range in age from 30 to 37, and in number of children from two to eight, assembled at Mary Leavitt's house in North Andover Monday night, to talk about their retreat to the Leavitt's old farm house buried deep in East Sumner, Maine.

Members of the group, who have known each other as long as 18 years, insist their flight from suburbia is no revolt against husbands and kids, and has nothing to do with women's liberation.

Pat O'Malley, who lives right over the North Andover line in Haverhill, and is working on her Ph.D. at Boston College and teaching there and at Merrimack College as well, says she loves to go up to the rather ramshackle 1830's farmhouse and barn for the sheer atmosphere of it.

"It's glorious — so quiet and out in the middle of nature," she says.

Mrs. O'Malley chopped down four trees last weekend to open up a view of a pasture. "When I finished, I found a huge Maple behind them," she laughed.

Laughter is one of the prime motivations behind the women's weekends together. "We spend 40 of the 48 hours up there laughing," Mrs. Leavitt says. "We don't sleep too much."

Anita Raymond of North Andover says she loves to go away alone with her friends because it gives them a chance to finish conversations.

"Mary and I can't talk when the kids are around—they're always in and out saying the toilet's not working, or they need some more juice," Mrs. Raymond says.

"It's really a compilation of things. It's not just the conversation, but we feel free as women and as people. We feel no need to entertain one another."

Mrs. Leavitt says last year at this time when the group went off, the weather was much colder. "We sat on the floor next to the stove and didn't move until it was time to go to bed. We sat in our coats, ate in our coats, and slept in our coats," she recalled.

But despite the discomforts of the place in rainy or cold weather, its beauty in the spring, summer, and fall makes it all worthwhile.

Jean Poders of Andover says she took a three-mile walk during the weekend, and although she's not an expert birdwatcher, they all make use of binoculars, and books on birds and wildflowers.

Ann Ratte of North Andover, who cooked two meals and got the laundry done before taking off Friday night, says she thinks it's good for fathers to have their children for an occasional weekend alone to foster communication.



TALKING OVER their weekend escape to the wilds of Maine are (left to right) Ann Ratte, Pat O'Malley, Mary Leavitt, Jean Poders, and Anita Raymond. (TOM MEADE PHOTO)

Says Mrs. Ratte: "When I'm at home, they always come to me for things, but when they get used to going to their father during the weekend, they continue to see him about things when I get back."

Mrs. O'Malley says no one gets much flak about taking off, although many people expect their husbands to get up in arms when they announce they'll be leaving for a few days.

Mrs. Raymond, who is divorced and plans to speak at the Andover Women's Center seminar on single women in the near future, says the group does not feel the need for formal consciousness raising. "We're doing the same thing with a sense of humor," she says.

She and a few other women were going to start a North Andover Women's Center, but decided to put it off for a time because so many women still feel intimidated by the concept of liberation.

"Some day I want to become involved with the politics of NOW (National Organization of Women)—I plan to peak in my 40's," she laughs.

Mrs. O'Malley says she thinks group members have stuck together as close friends over the years because they "haven't settled in" as far as having their lives revolve around their homes and families.

"We have a lot to talk about," she says. "We're all big readers—this weekend, we talked about psychology, philosophy, religion, real estate, math, and life in general."

And while fathers are fostering communication with their children, the women are getting refreshed "mentally and physically."

Mrs. O'Malley says she sits at a desk all week, and when she gets the chance, she likes to get out and run a lot.

Mrs. Leavitt says the group imposes no demands on its

members. "If you don't want to get up until 2 p.m., it's O.K. We do our own thing, and we don't have to worry about starting supper at 4 p.m.," she says.

Group members admit they are not the only Massachusetts people retreating to Maine to escape and relax. The seven-mile road where the farmhouse sets has a few other houses on it, and every car parked out front bears a Massachusetts license plate.

The Leavitt's farm totals 65 acres, mostly heavily wooded, but with a few overgrown pastures that are slowly but surely being cleared.

The women report that bears have been seen not too far from the house, as well as a bull moose, cow, and calf, bobcats, foxes, and turtles, and snakes.

"There's a lot of wildlife there," Mrs. Leavitt says. "I've walked the whole 65 acres, and 10 or 12 miles around the boundary of the land."

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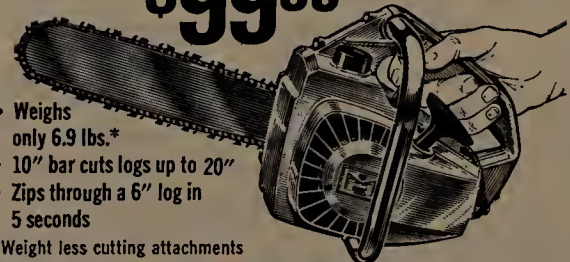
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Millionaires and how they made it big

Playboy Press has published a collection of articles under the title "The Young Millionaires."

It represents case studies of various entrepreneurs who have not only made it big but immense!

Among those in the collection are men like Jim Ling who concocted a conglomerate and Mike Curb who went wild in the record business and bubblegum music.

Barron's financial journal says this about the book:

"It is intriguing that the 23 men in the book have so many common characteristics. All have success, not money, as an overriding objective, and all are solution oriented. This dedication usually results in a sacrifice of personal and family life. 'A man can never be successful until he teaches his wife not to expect him home for dinner,' says Kemmons Wilson of Holiday Inns. Many are divorced, while others speak wistfully of seeing so little of their families.

"Energy is another vital ingredient of success, and

several of the young millionaires speak of their acquired ability to get 'instant sleep'. Enthusiasm is a common characteristic; half a dozen mention that you have to enjoy what you're doing to be good at it, and comment how fortunate they are that they love their business.

"Another common characteristic that surfaces is the willingness to take huge risks. All the men in this book started with very little, and many quickly reached a stage where they were doing well and had some capital. At that point, a business deal presented itself which offered major opportunity and also major risk. All reached for the gold ring, and thus leveraged a modest stake into a fortune.

The ability to cut through a

conversation and get to the heart of the matter also is apparent. Many of the articles are presented in a semi-interview style, and this very effectively presents the conciseness of these men's minds and their bottom-line orientation.

Fortunately, they all handle success differently. Some are pretentious and ostentatious. Others are unaffected and keep it low key and simple. All seem to enjoy talking about themselves, and, as might be expected, many express their faith in the "American way."

Job trainees are sought

On-the-job trainees are being sought in the Lawrence area.

The training comes from a program called Operation Mainstream, a program sponsored by the Greater Lawrence Communion Action Council (CAC) and funded by the federal government.

The program, a new one, intends to place low-income men and women in the job market "by establishing for

work experience which will be meaningful."

In order to qualify for this program, a person must be at least 22 years of age and older, there is no age limit, and be unemployed to the extent that income be comparable to the government's poverty standard guidelines.

Information on the program is available with Guy Kelly II of the CAC, 301 Essex St., Room 802, Lawrence.

Andover League meeting slated

The League of Women Voters will present a series of unit meetings entitled "This is your Life."

The units will review past

state positions taken by the League on various issues. The meetings:

Monday (Oct. 15), home of Beverly Haggerty, 25 Westwind Road, noon.

Tuesday (Oct. 16) at Christ Church, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting may be arranged with Mrs. Harriet Ahouse, 175 High Plain Road.

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Reporter's notebook

Adults over-organize kids in North Andover

By Bernadine Coburn

Leaving a supermarket this week, two boys in natty athletic uniforms of some sort shook tin cans at me and said, "Please, give to youth."

I did, but I wish I hadn't. A couple of things bothered me — first the uniforms, which were colorful costumes and obviously expensive and indicative of something I resent:

Organized fun. The organizing is done by adults, and often it's over-organizing, and to my mind represents adult regimentation of children.

In North Andover, for instance, everything seems organized or over-organized, from football to baseball to basketball to hockey. Boys involved are of young ages. Adults involved are of many ages.

The result is ironic. Adults and teens in town are at odds because the teens, who have outgrown organized play, complain there's "nothing to do".

They don't know what to do with themselves any more.

The teenagers were kicked off school grounds during the summer for hanging around, messing up the place, using bad language, and because boys and girls are said to be too open with their affection.

The kids say they had no place else to go — to congregate — to talk together.

Frank Cunningham, an adult on the Youth Advisory Council, backed them up. He says all activity in town was for young boy athletes — nobody else.

Bill McEvoy, recreation director for the town, agrees, but he says he must work with what he can.

McEvoy has been part-time director for the past 23 years. He is also a fireman.

"The problem is money," says McEvoy. "People scream we have nothing for the older kids, but when it comes town meeting time, the same people scream we can't spend any money for tennis courts or programs for them. To me it

is just talking out of both sides of their mouth at the same time."

McEvoy has talked with the kids involved in the school lawn dispute. "I know some of them very well," says McEvoy. "They are good kids." He knows them, he says, from when they used to play youth football or baseball. "Most of them were in the youth leagues," says McEvoy.

The recreation director was asked if perhaps the teenagers were at odds with the town because they could not devise their own fun. McEvoy says that the teenagers have told him they do not feel the town is doing anything for them.

"But when you ask them what do you want us to do, they don't know," says McEvoy.

"A lot of people feel there is too much organization at the lower age level," admits McEvoy. "As a kid I'd play pickup ball with whoever was around — we didn't need much more than a ball and a few kids," says McEvoy. "There is a lot of structure to games in the town."

Asked about the lack of girls' programs, McEvoy says few girls turn out for such events as softball tryouts. "You get a few eager beavers, but not enough," he says. Doing better, he says, is the high school and married women's softball leagues.

Unfortunately, it does not appear that girls have a chance to play any baseball or much softball until high school in North Andover. The boys are all busy with serious youth league games and practice, and times have not changed so much as to allow many families to comfortably present young daughters with a catchers mitt for Christmas. Times have not changed enough for a girl to ask for one. But, says McEvoy, many girls are cheerleaders for the boys teams. (It ain't the same.)

Maybe McEvoy is right, and what is needed is more money. Maybe some elders are right and what the kids need is a good swift kick. Maybe other adults, who say the teenagers should be involved with the solution of how they spend their time, are right.

But maybe the kids just do not know what they consider fun or worthwhile for themselves.

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Sports

Tennis catches on in Greater Lawrence

By NANCY PRICE
DANA CAHOON PHOTOS

Tennis, played outdoors and indoors, is fast becoming a solid sport, a popular pastime, and a growing business in Greater Lawrence.

It is plucking people away from the country club set and their rounds of golf and drawing them to the courts.

It is attracting housewives, engineers, doctors, college students, and people who simply want to move muscles and stay in shape.

It draws heavily on middle-aged men whose workday pace is often furious and who need something quick to mend the mind, clear the breathing, and awake the body.

It differs from golf, which is often more of a social exercise than sport.

In golf, a guy and his boss can play a few holes, and the boss can lose and not get mad, because it's really only a game.

Tennis is a one-to-one thing. It's competitive, and your ability or lack of ability shows up at once, so that it's best to play someone in your own league or your feelings may suffer.

Several tennis clubs have opened in Greater Lawrence. The Willows Racquet Club in North Andover is a recent one to offer indoor-playing. It opened a year ago. Bob Regan, club president, says Willows has 800 members playing a total of 1,200 times weekly.

Regan says that when he was finishing his degree in engineering at Merrimack College in 1965 he saw the interest in tennis growing even then. "The basic thing about tennis," he says, "is that people can find their own ability level and a direct level of competition." He finds tennis more "personal" than golf.



Harold Crowley of Andover: a determined player

According to Regan, most Willow members are in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 bracket.

Dan Robbins of Peabody, a member of Willows, says he likes tennis because of the competition.

"The allure for me," he says, "is the satisfaction of smacking the ball in the other guy's eye."

"A fine way of letting aggression loose," says another player.

Some, he says, are giving up skiing for tennis because tennis is now a year-round sport that

can be played anytime, day or evening.

John Kimball of Andover says he discovered tennis while on a sabbatical from Phillips Academy and found it better than running and jogging, which he used to like to do.

"It encompasses all levels of skill. You can always find those better and those worse."

Spike Gurney, the pro at Willows, says that one afternoon he watched a man wait around for 35 minutes to line up a partner with the same ability level.

"This is an ego-building and ego-leveling game," says Dr. Cushing, who usually plays four times a week.

An occasional partner of Dr. Cushing's is Dr. William Caverly, who says he plays once a week for the "exercise and enjoyment."

Does the Willows try to create a country club atmosphere? This question drew a unanimous "no, thank goodness!" from those interviewed. Despite attractive lounges with soft drink machines and fresh coffee,

and locker rooms equipped with saunas, most come to play tennis and then leave.

A group of women were, nevertheless, chatting in the ladies locker room. Iris Roskell, Beverly MagInnis, Alice Mears, Betty Ann McKenna, and Nancy Brown had just finished a group lesson.

What was the attraction of tennis and the club facilities for them? They agreed that this was a good change of pace from bowling and also offered more exercise.



Richard White of Andover: fast form



George Smith of Andover: casual return

Audio sports by Roy Reiss

Lawrence in the Cape Ann League! That's the suggestion being made by Bill Callagy, long time Lawrence High follower and proponent of the now famous "Number Theory."

Sir William, as he has been dubbed by friends and foes alike, feels the male enrollment at Lawrence High is dropping drastically. His latest figures reveal about 500 boys in the upper three grades, and many of them are Spanish-speaking, which means they rarely go out for football.

You ask what's so important about football? Well the pigskin team usually supports the other sports at the high school level, and if football drops off, it only stands to reason that other sports will suffer.

But back to the original theory. Sir William's numbers, which are far different from the numbers you see each week on football cards, have become a focal point across the state. Seven years ago, Sir William first proposed that Lawrence should drop down to the Merrimack Valley Conference. This was discussed, debated and finally ridiculed by the many Lawrence supporters. They even arranged for Sir William to have an appointment with the local head doctor.

Now in 1973, Sir William's argument has become the basis for class ranking in high school athletics. Track is based solely on enrollment, the truest test of the numbers. Football has been revamped along enrollment as have basketball and hockey.

Other schools besides Lawrence have also seen the reasoning behind the theory and have adjusted their league affiliations. And Lawrence, once the great power of Class A with all sorts of tradition, will play in the Merrimack Valley Conference starting this spring.

Sir William, the originator of the theory, has been justified for his rash and unpopular statement of seven years ago. His small and vocal following now basks in the glory, not only for getting Lawrence to act, but for getting all schools to finally realize the importance of the Number Theory.

But c'mon Sir William. The Cape Ann League?

That's a little too much for us to swallow on the heels of the M.V.C. move. How can Lawrence compete against North Andover, Amesbury and their likes? It just doesn't sound right. Can you imagine Lawrence playing at Hayes Stadium or at little Triton?

We know all about the facility crisis and the unique setup in Lawrence. Surc Central Catholic gets many of their students from Lawrence. And sure Vo-Tech does likewise. And yes, we realize that athletic facilities in Lawrence are among the poorest in the state.

But Sir William, a new high school with all the trimmings will attract some of these boys back to the public system, if it's ever built. And then we're going to rent the Essex County Training School Gym.

So you see Sir William, there are brighter days ahead for your dear old alma mater. And if you persist in talking about the Cape Ann League, we may have to arrange for another session with that local head doctor.

ON MIKE . . . Last week we discussed night football for high schools. Last Saturday Lawrence experimented and found out that many people like the idea. Since the game



ROY REISS

was switched at the last minute and other political events were already scheduled, you'd have to say Ralph Wolfendale's gamble paid off handsomely for there were well over 2500 people at Memorial Stadium which isn't bad for the high school game. In fact the Lawrence-Lynn English game appeared to outdraw the

Methuen-Central game played earlier in the day.

Speaking of the Lawrence victory, tackle Scott Massucci played his best game for the Blue and White while running back Derrell Petty lived up to the potential the Lawrence coaches had predicted for him.

STAND BY . . . Yes it sounds strange but Central Catholic, despite losing last week to Methuen, looked like the best drilled Central team in the last 6 years. I know their offense has only scored one touchdown in 3 games, but they still had more punch than previous Red Raider clubs. Their injured sophomore q.b. Pat Welch will be back in action Saturday against Dracut and most Merrimack Valley Conference coaches think Welch is going to be an all scholastic choice by his senior year.

By the way another sophomore for Central, Paul Kelly, certainly learned quickly. He was thrown into the Methuen game when the starting q.b. was injured and

Kelly did quite a job the rest of the way.

ANNOUNCER CUE . . . Methuen finally put it together last Saturday as they beat Central 20-2. Quarterback Fred Simm called the perfect game as he mixed up the plays, using Lee Holden up the middle, Keith Alexa off tackle and Bruce Nicholson on the scissor. Rosie's Rangers should be heard from the rest of the year with a mighty big test coming this Saturday at home against Andover.

ID TIME . . . Andover now has the longest winning streak

in the area, 11 games as Dick Collins' crew rolled over previously undefeated Austin Prep. Each week the Andover offense looks better and better as the defense continues to be stingy. Should they win Saturday in Methuen, the only roadblock to the M.V.C. title would appear to be Billerica.

COMMERCIAL BREAK . . . There are many restless fans in North Andover after the Scarlet Knights absorbed their 2nd straight beating at the hands of Newburyport. The score could have been higher than 48-13 had Jim Stehlin wanted to run it up.



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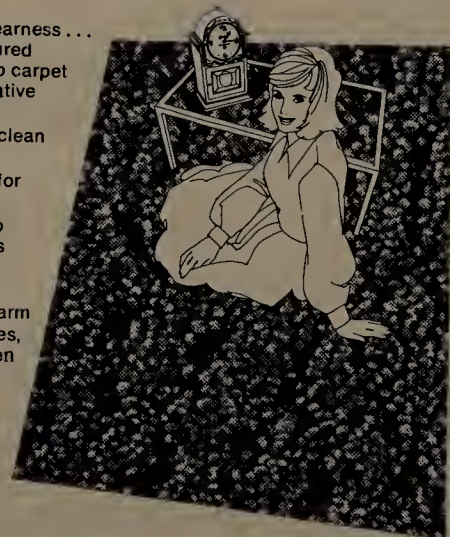
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Sporting life

Berube's toe splits the uprights

What a difference a toe makes!

That's what Lawrence High football fans must be saying in the wake of last Saturday's 7 to 6 win over Lynn English.

In this case the toe was that of Chuck Berube who split the uprights on the local eleven's only extra point try, thus providing the margin of victory over the visiting gridders from Lynn.

The Memorial Stadium crowd was treated to a sparkling George Peters-to-Dave Robinson touchdown pass play covering 28 yards to set up Berube's big boot.

That put Lawrence up 7 to zip midway through the second period. Later in the same

quarter, Lynn put a TD on the board, also via the long pass route.

Then the invaders tried to go ahead with a two-point conversion attempt, but the local defenders dug in and stopped Lynn short of the goal line.

It was a gutsy play, as was the entire game which showed that the locals can perform well under pressure...

The men from Methuen finally broke in to the victory column with a 20 to 2 triumph over winless Central Catholic.

Tenney's tallying punch was provided by Bruce Nicholson on a flashy 35 yard jaunt, Fred Sims on a five yard burst and Lee Holden on a three yard dive.

Holden also contributed a two-point conversion to the winning effort...

Meanwhile the powerful Andover football machine continued to motor along, chalking up a convincing 35 to 6 score over Austin Prep.

Under the poised and potent field generalship of quarterback Mark Sweetser, the "Andover offense rolled up yardage with a strong, balanced attack.

Steve Fabiani, and Jeff Winters (twice) registered running play touchdowns, while Sweetser and Glen Verett teamed up on a pretty scoring pass play that covered just over half the field. Robert Stalmond tallied the fifth Andover TD

when he recovered an Austin fumble in the end-zone.

At Andover they're beginning to call Peter Riley "Mr. Automatic." He booted through five points after against Austin with what seemed to be the greatest of ease...

And then there's North Andover — the woeful Scarlet Knights who have given up some 100 points in their last two games while scoring but a couple of TDs themselves.

The latest humiliation came last Friday night in Newburyport where that city's high school put the local lads away by a score of 43 to 13.

It's going to be a long season for the Knights who already

stand win-less after three games. However they may have a shot at a win when they play Masconomet (also Q and 3) at Masco's field.

If North Andover is still without a win Saturday night, coach Bob Roche will have to invest in a pair of ear muffs to block the razing he'll get from the avid North Andover Booster's Club.

In games this weekend, look for Andover to beat Methuen by a couple of touchdowns; Lawrence is the pick over Beverly in a close one; and — with much knocking on wood — we'll be watching for North Andover to win in their Masconomet bout. Unfortunately it appears that Central Catholic will remain without a win as Dracut plays host to the Central eleven...

As predicted in this space last week, the New England Patriots finally notched a win in their contest of also-rans with the slumbering Baltimore Colts. An even easier prediction which came true was that the game would be something less than a classic NFL fight. At last count (the statisticians are still checking) the Pats, the team that won mind you, had seven fumbles.

But a win is a win (more or less) and the gang from Foxboro will take what they can get.

Satch Sanders

This, quite possibly, will be the season the Celtics put it all back together again and cop another championship. But the sweetness of such an occurrence will be diminished.

It will be diminished by the absence of Satch Sanders, that spindly, spidery remnant of those years in which the Celtics grabbed championships like kids grab cookies.

Satch, of course, has retired and is now coaching at Harvard. And he'll be missed.

Nothing will make true Celtic fans forget Satch—not even that wild redhead, Dave Cowens, or the perpetual excellence of John Havlicek, or the smoothness of Jo-Jo White, or the bull-strength of Paul Silas, or the defensive brilliance of Don Chaney.

Nothing will make true fans forget the class, the cleverness, the style of Satch.

Good Reading

Recommended reading for basketball addicts is "Don't They Ever Stop Running?" which focuses on the Celtics of last season and which was written by Mike Grenier, a Lawrence resident who works as a sportswriter for the Beverly Times.

... The surprise of Greater Lawrence football? Is there any doubt that in Salem, N.H. Hugh Johnson's crew is now 4-0 after topping Manchester West. Salem has 26 sophomores on their roster and nobody, not even the outspoken Johnson, thought they'd be where they are today. Each week I pick against them, and each week they win. Maybe I'll continue... I've got to be right one week, unless Salem goes undefeated. Can they? Don't look at me, I haven't predicted one of their games.

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Current cinema

AMERICAN GRAFFITI. Already critics are saying this is the best movie of the year. The 1950s revisited: Teenaged boys who wear their packs of Camels tucked in the sleeves of their T-shirts, greasers who rumble down the road in their Chevies, gumchewing bouffant girls who wear their lives on their lips, a mysterious blonde who cruises Main Street in a white 1956 Thunderbird (God, who is she?): a movie of quick love, sudden break-ups, felonious assaults, escapes from death, blasts of rock radio music, screams of apathy, winds whistling over a car graveyard. An ecrie film shot at night.

SUPER FLY TNT. The hero is a dude and a hustler known as Priest who has left Harlem for Rome. Priest is played by the director of the film, Ron O'Neal, a black who is much concerned with his African heritage, and he's a man who

knows what he is doing. The movie is a sequel to Super Fly, which was a huge success in the bigger cities. Author of the sequel is Alex Haley, who wrote "The Autobiography of Malcolm X." Story is that of black man tasting the sweet life in a hostile white society and feeling guilty about it because his brothers have it bad. The guilt gives him a conscience, and he acts accordingly. Much violence, but it seems to fit.

LE SEX SHOP. French flick about a bookstore owner who turns his store into a warehouse of smut, and the owner tries to join the swinging set. Funny in parts, but mostly boring.

BANG THE DRUM SLOWLY. An excellent movie

about baseball. It is about one player protecting another who is dying from Hodgkin's disease. Henry Wiggen, played by Michael Moriarty, is a star pitcher who peddles insurance on the side. The dying man, a marginal player, is played by Robert deNiro, who will be dropped from the team if management learns he's doomed. The impact of the movie comes from the way a young man deals with death. The movie is based on a novel by Mark Harris.

NIGHTWATCH. Elizabeth Taylor plays a wealthy Englishwoman who thinks she is going out of her mind. Haunting her is the death of her former husband who perished in a car crash.

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Jazz / Robert Battles

I used to think that Chick Corea reigned supreme. Not anymore.

Chick Corea was born in Chelsea, Mass., about 30 years ago, and between then and now has achieved worldwide fame, having played with such giants as Miles Davis, the great bassist Richard Davis, Joe Farrell, and so on.

His current ensemble, "Return to Forever," is playing a significant role in breaking down the barrier between popular music and jazz, introducing an audience formerly awed by the likes of Jimmy Hendrix and Eric Clapton (I mean no offense) to a somewhat less heavily structured, less monolithic, yet

equally moving, if not more expressive sound.

Until recently I was utterly charmed by this man's music, and I still enjoy it enormously; however, I have discovered, perhaps a bit tardily, a pianist whose creations have greater power, a greater depth of feeling, than do those of Corea.

The musician/composer I speak of has been around for quite some time, and has not gone unnoticed, at least no more unnoticed than many comparable talents in jazz.

His name is Paul Bley, and his recordings number perhaps four that are immediately available in this country, as well as a number of others on import discs.

Unlike Corea, Bley seems too singular, too isolated to function in any large unit of musicians.

While Corea has played alongside as many as seven other musicians (for example, on Miles Davis's "In a Silent Way," Bley contents himself to appear with no more than two or three side men, often re-recording solo, and to my knowledge, rarely appearing publicly.

Corea has recorded a number of sides in a trio setting, all of which are quite remarkable and very beautiful, which may point out an ability on his part for creation in many different veins, unlike Bley. Further proof of this is in either musician's list of compositions; Corea has penned and recorded a wealth of music, while Bley mainly records the music of other writers, chiefly Annette Peacock and Carla Bley, his sister, often re-recording them a number of times on various records.

However, I still maintain that Bley is a musician of greater power and sensitivity, although somewhat more eccentric than Corea.

Of course the best way to test this theory is to listen to both musicians and judge for yourself. Corea can be heard on such recordings as "Now He Sings Now He Sobs" on the Solid State label, "The Song of Singing" on Blue Note Records, "Return to Forever" on Polydor, and many others.

Bley has issued "Paul Bley and Scorpio" on the Milestone label, the first recording he has made in which he considers himself an integral part of a trio (Dave Holland, bassist, and Barry Altschul, drummer, forming the rest of Scorpio).

Also he has two releases on the somewhat rare ESP-disc label, and another Milestone recording, "The Paul Bley Synthesizer Show." If you can't get any of these, many of the jazz shows emanating from Boston play cuts from them, and might well honor requests to hear more of them.

Bley has not received the attention he deserves from critics or jazz enthusiasts. Of course, this state of affairs is not at all uncommon as far as deserving jazz musicians go, but Bley and his music might have a lot to say to many listeners, and I hope you will give him a chance.

More information can be gotten about Bley from the Jazz Composer's Orchestra Associates, 15 1841 Broadway, NY, NY, 10023. They can also tell you more about Chick Corea, if you'd like.

(Robert Battles can be heard on WBUR, 90.9 fm, every Saturday night from 11 to 2)

Halloween party planned

The Jerry Lewis Tri Cinema in Salem, N.H. is holding a Halloween party at the cinema on Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for kids up to age 12.

Manager Earl Holmes says there will be prizes for the best costumes, trick or treat bags, and a special movie, "Mad Monster Party" as part of the celebration.

The cinema is holding the party, says Holmes, because "we feel it is unsafe for kids to go begging door to door on Halloween night."

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Thomas I. Atkins

Thomas I. Atkins, state secretary of communities and development, will speak on land use at a public forum tonight at 7:30 at the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical School in Andover. The sponsor is the League of Women Voters in Methuen, Andover, and North Andover.

Fall fling

Lancaster School library volunteers in Salem, N.H., will hold a "fall fling" dance Saturday night at St. Joseph's auditorium.

Fashion show

A fashion show will be held Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at Central Catholic High School auditorium. Sponsor is St. Anthony's Church. Clothes in "fall fashion flairs" will be presented by local merchants. Background music will be provided by John Shibel and his orchestra. Benefits will go to the church's building fund.

Andona Ball

The Andona Ball will be held tomorrow at the Sheraton Rolling Green. A champagne cocktail party will be held from 7:30 to 9. Dancing to the music of Ted Edwards will follow until 1 a.m.

Guild bazaar

The Ladies Guild of St. George's Orthodox Church will hold their annual bazaar Oct. 27 in the church hall, 8 Lowell St., from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mr. Joseph Bolla and Mrs. Charles Gabriel are co-chairmen.

New Essex Players

Greater Lawrence residents have been invited to attend a membership meeting of the New Essex Players on Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Amesbury Workshop at the rear of Joyce Dance Studio on Main Street, Amesbury. Openings are available for the male chorus in "Hello, Dolly."

Sons of Italy

Atty. Peter B. Gay, supreme venerable of the Order of Sons of Italy in America will visit Lawrence Saturday night when the Lawrence lodge celebrates Columbus Day with a banquet and dance at Central Catholic Auditorium. Atty. Gay was the interrogator in the 1971 investigation of the Methuen Police Department that led to the dismissal of Police Chief Christopher Devine.

Salem dance

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Salem (N.H.) Firefighters Relief Assn. will hold a dance in St. Joseph's Auditorium on Oct. 20 (Saturday). Mrs. A. J. Bodenrader, 17 Franklin St. in Salem, is in charge of reservations.

Masons to install

St. Matthews Lodge of Masons will install officers Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Temple in Andover.

Elks football

The Andover Elks will sponsor a bus to the annual

state Elks scholarship football game Saturday between Holy Cross and Colgate in Worcester. Elks and their guests may buy tickets at the lodge, 400 South Main St., Andover from noon to midnight today and tomorrow.

Ladies auxiliary

Ladies Auxiliary to Lawrence VFW Post 1549 will meet tonight at post quarters, 165 Essex St.

Lasalle Social Club

The Lasalle Social Club will hold its harvest ham and bean supper at 397 Andover St., Lawrence, on Nov. 3 (Saturday) from 4 to 7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the club's annual Christmas party.

School Committee

The Lawrence School Committee will meet Monday at city council chambers in city hall. Time is 7 p.m. The committee will meet again at the same hour and place on Oct. 29 (Monday).

Children's theatre

The Children's Theatre Troupe of the Junior League of Boston will perform Saturday at 10 a.m. at Masconomet Regional High School in Boxford. An original play, "Jackie and the Cornstalk" will be staged.

Point After dance

The Point After Club will hold its annual dance at the Lawrence WYCA on Oct. 26 (Friday) from 7 to 10 p.m.

Precinct meeting

In Methuen, Precinct Councilor James and Charles Thompson will hold an open meeting for Precinct 6 residents on Oct. 17 (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at Gill Hall.

Sunset Club

The Sunset Club will hold a foliage trip to the White Mountains on Oct. 26 (Friday), with cost of the bus trip paid by the club.

Class of 1948

Sacred Heart High School Class of 1948 will hold its 25th reunion at the Red Tavern in Methuen at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 (Friday).

St. Anthony's

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church will hold a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the church auditorium, followed by a social hour.

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